

COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

2023 Organizational/Regular Meeting

Copley High School/John Halchin Auditorium

January 10, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Paul Cevalasco, President pro-tempore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

John Wheadon, Treasurer, called the roll and the following were present:

Jim Borchik

Paul Cevalasco

Steve Doss

Beth Hertz

Paula Lynn - absent

2023-01

A. Election of President

President pro-tempore Cevalasco opens the floor for nominations for President of the Board for 2023. Mr. Borchik nominates Mr. Doss.

With no other nominations, Mr. Cevalasco closed nominations for President and the roll call to elect Mr. Doss was as follows:

AYES: Borchik, Hertz, Cevalasco, Doss

NAYS: None

2023-02

B. Election of Vice President

President Doss opens the floor for nominations for Vice-President of the Board for 2023. Mr. Cevalasco nominates Mr. Borchik.

With no other nominations, Mr. Doss closed nominations for Vice-President and the roll call to elect Mr. Borchik was as follows:

AYES: Cevalasco, Hertz, Doss, Borchik

NAYS: None

2023-03

C. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Cevalasco, to adopt the agenda for the January 10, 2023 organizational/regular meeting, as presented.

AYES: Borchik, Cevalasco, Hertz, Doss

NAYS: None

2023-04

D. Board Action

It was moved by Mr. Cevalasco, seconded by Mrs. Hertz, to take the following actions:

1. OSBA Annual Business Meeting

Appoint Mr. Doss as the official delegate and Mr. Cevalasco as the official alternate to the Ohio School Boards Association Annual Business Meeting to be held on Monday, November 13, 2023.

2. Board Liaisons

Appoint the following as liaisons to represent the Board of Education for calendar year 2023:

Building and Grounds:	<u>Paul Cevalasco</u>
Academics/Student Achievement:	<u>Steve Doss</u>
Legislative:	<u>Beth Hertz</u>
Technology:	<u>Paula Lynn</u>
Community Relations:	<u>Jim Borchik</u>

3. Service Fund

Establish a service fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Copley-Fairlawn Board of Education. (Ohio Revised Code section 3315.15).

4. Publication of Record

Designate the West Side Leader as the official publication of record for the posting of all legal advertisements for the Copley-Fairlawn City School District.

5. Regular Meetings/Work Sessions

Conduct the calendar year 2023 regular monthly meetings of the Copley-Fairlawn City Board of Education on the following dates

Tuesday, February 21
Tuesday, March 21
Tuesday, April 18
Tuesday, May 16
Tuesday, June 27*
Tuesday, July 18
Tuesday, August 15
Tuesday, September 19
Tuesday, October 17
Tuesday, November 21
Tuesday, December 19

(*Indicates not the 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. or as otherwise properly scheduled and announced, in the Copley High School Main Office Conference Room or Copley High School Auditorium based on social distancing requirements. Additional meetings shall be designated at a time and place properly announced. (Ohio Revised Code section 3313.16)

6. Performance Bonds

Authorize the purchase of performance bonds in the amount of \$50,000.00 each, for the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District.

7. State and Federal Funds/Grants

Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District to apply for all available state and federal funds and grants.

8. Investments

Authorize the Treasurer of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District to invest interim and inactive funds as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

9. Purchasing Agent

Appoint the Superintendent of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District or the Superintendent's designee as purchasing agent for the district.

10. Temporary Employment of Emergency Personnel

Authorize the Superintendent of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District to employ temporary or emergency personnel when needed during calendar year 2023. Such employments will be reviewed by the Board of Education at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

11. Legal Counsel

Employ the following law firms as counsel to the Board of Education for calendar year 2023, for such matters as may from time to time be referred by the Board or the Superintendent:

Bricker & Eckler, L.L.P.
Ennis Britton Co., L.P.A.
Peters Kalail & Markakis Co., L.P.A.
Squire Patton Boggs
Weston Hurd, LLP

12. Records Commission

Appoint the records commission of the Copley-Fairlawn City School District for calendar year 2023, comprised of the President of the Board of Education, Superintendent and Treasurer of the district. The records commission may meet at least once each calendar year to establish rules for retention and disposal of records and to review same.

13. Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Budget

Approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Budget, as presented.

AYES: Cevalasco, Hertz, Borchik, Doss

NAYS: None

E. Recognition of the Public

The Copley-Fairlawn City School District Board of Education feels that while public participation in Board meetings is not required, it is a valuable way to receive input from community members. The Board will not enter into debate or discussion on any matter brought forward, instead the information will be forwarded to the proper individual for possible follow up. Those who wish to participate in the public comments section of the agenda must sign in on the sheet available at the entrance to the

meeting. Those signed up to address the Board should limit their comments to a maximum of three minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used according to Policy BDDH (Also KD) and Ohio Revised Code 121.22 and 3313.20.

Meredith Morgan, resident and retired teacher, feels that all tutors should be made full-time and special need assistants need to have an increase in their hours and pay. Substitute teachers need an increase in pay as well.

F. Special Recognition – School Board Recognition Month, January 2023

The Copley-Fairlawn City School District Board of Education, as part of Board of Education appreciation month, were recognized and thanked for their services to the students, staff, and community of Copley-Fairlawn. (Mr. Brian Williams, Assistant Superintendent did the recognition).

As Mr. Williams stated in part, “When I think of our Board of Education members, two words come to mind: service and sacrifice. Service is defined as the action of helping or doing work for someone. Sacrifice is defined as a surrender of something for the sake of something or someone else.”

He further stated that the board members help 2,850 students prepare for life. Helping the students to get along with others, helping them to learn how to share, how to be kind and how to be productive members of society.

The board members sacrifice time with their families to attend meetings, enjoying a choir or band concert, watching a sporting event, or having donuts or muffins with students and their parents. Even when they are home, they often talk on the phone or respond to emails or text messages dealing with school issues. They truly make sacrifices for the children and community.

These individuals chose to become board members because they love their community and they care deeply about the children. They are responsible for shaping, molding, and creating the leaders of tomorrow.

He concluded by thanking the board on behalf of the community for the important job they do and the tireless and dedicated manner in which they do their jobs. In addition, he thanked them for advocating for the children of the community even during difficult situations and when some might disagree.

Mr. Brian Poe, Superintendent, presented Mr. Cevalasco with a clock and thanked him for being the Board President during calendar year 2022.

G. Treasurer's Business

It was moved by Mr. Cevalco, seconded by Mr. Borchik, to approve the following actions, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer:

1. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Board of Education's regular meeting held December 20, 2022, as presented.

2. Financial Statements

Approve the financial statement for the month of December, 2022, as presented.

3. Fund-to-Fund Transfer

Approve the following fund-to-fund transfers.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Athletics	\$50,000.00

4. Approval of Vendor Payments (Then and Now Certificates)

- a. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following item for payment in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5705.41 (D):

Vendor	Description	Amount
Smith Foods	Milk	\$2,618.07

5. Tennis Court Reconstruction

Approve the proposal from Industrial Surface Sealer, Inc to reconstruct five tennis courts at Copley High School at a cost of \$197,800, as presented.

AYES: Cevalco, Borchik, Hertz, Doss

NAYS: None

2023-06

H. Superintendent's Considerations and Recommendations

It was moved by Mrs. Hertz, seconded by Mr. Doss, to approve the following actions, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

1. In Lieu of Transportation

Approve in-lieu-of transportation payments for the 2022-2023 school year for the following students:

St. Vincent-St. Mary
Janosi, Alexandra

Julie Billiard School – Akron
Borruso, Ottavio T.

2. Personnel

a. Certified

1. Grant an unpaid leave of absence to Kristen Maddocks, beginning January 30, 2023 until approximately March 13, 2023.

b. Classified

2. Employ the following classified personnel for the 2022-2023 school year, contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of Education of reports from FBI and BCII, which are consistent with the applicant's answers, and official documentation of any required licensure, course work, degrees and testing appropriate to the position for which the candidate is to be hired:

Farrow, Kashe	Special Needs Assistant, effective January 6, 2023
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Schumacher, Janice	Special Needs Assistant, effective January 17, 2023
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c. Supplemental

Academics/Clubs (Advisor/Coach)

Gray, Casey	CFMS, Robotics
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AYES: Hertz, Doss, Borchik, Cevalasco
NAYS: None

I. New Business
None

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J. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Cevalasco, seconded by Mr. Borchik, to adjourn the meeting
(5:51 p.m.)

AYES: Cevalasco, Borchik, Hertz, Doss
NAYS: None

President

Treasurer